

*"Technical Support for the Environmental Fate & Effects Division in assessment of the Fate and Transport of Pesticides in the Environment"*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Acquisition Management (OAM) is conducting market research, FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY, to identify any small and small disadvantaged businesses that possess the necessary technical capabilities to provide technical support in the assessment of the fate and transport of pesticides in the environment for the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs/Environmental Fate and Effects Division (OPP/EFED).

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) as required by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996, is responsible for the regulation of pesticides through the registration, registration review and re-registration of pesticides. OPP develops data requirements and guidelines for the conduct of studies by registrants that are used, along with other data and information, to assess the potential impact of the use of the pesticide on human health and the environment. Before EPA can use studies and data in assessing risk, these data must be evaluated to determine their adequacy and validity and to ensure that appropriate quality assurance procedures were carried out. Once data have been evaluated and determined to be acceptable and valid, these data are used to assess risk to human health and ecological resources. OPP also convenes scientific workshops and seminars to discuss and resolve scientific issues associated with the registration, registration review and re-registration of pesticides.

This requirement will provide support primarily in the area of review and evaluation of available data pertaining to the chemistry and fate of pesticides in the environment (including the evaluation of environmental monitoring data), assessing environmental risk from pesticides, and the assessment of pesticide fate and transport in the environment. This requirement will also provide occasional support to EPA in the researching of pesticide fate and transport science policy issues and the development of science policy options for evaluation and consideration by EPA.

Detailed information on the requirement is provided via a draft copy of the Statement of Work (SOW) and its associated appendices which are posted to the following web-page on or about April 28, 2004: [http://www.epa.gov/oamhpod1/oppts\\_grp/0411205/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oamhpod1/oppts_grp/0411205/index.htm)

The applicable North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code is 541620 with a size standard of \$6.0 million for potential small and small disadvantaged businesses. The current contract is 68-W-00-070 with Dynamac Corporation (a large business under the applicable NAICS code) as the incumbent.

The potential contract will be a Cost Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF) type with a 12-month base period and four 12-month option periods with an estimated total labor quantity of approximately 22,000 hours per period.

Any interested small business concerns are advised of the language in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Section I Clause 52.219-14 "Limitations on Subcontracting" paragraph (b)(1)

which states that under a small business set-aside contract for services “at least 50 percent of the cost of contract performance incurred for personnel shall be expended for employees of the concern.” Therefore, the Capabilities Statement should realistically demonstrate how the small business concern would be able to comply with this clause which would be included in any potential contract. Please also note that consultants are considered subcontractors and not employees of the prime contractor.

Interested small business concerns who believe they have the capability of providing services as defined in the SOW are invited to submit, in writing, a Capabilities Statement with sufficient information within the 20 page limitation. Responses shall demonstrate capabilities/expertise with consideration to the SOW requirements—particularly task areas 2-7. Responses, including the vendor’s business status (e.g.: small, small disadvantaged, minority-owned, 8(a), etc) should be mailed to the following:

(1) U.S. POSTAL SERVICE ADDRESS:

U.S. EPA - Ariel Rios Building  
ATTN: Dennis James Bushta (Mail Code 3803R)  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460; or

(2) HAND CARRY/COURIER/OVERNIGHT CARRIER ADDRESS:

U.S. EPA - Ronald Reagan Building  
ATTN: Dennis James Bushta (Mail Code 3803R)  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20004.

CAPABILITY STATEMENTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM EST May 24, 2004. Information contained in the Capability Statements will be used to determine the qualifications of the small business community with respect to this requirement. **DEPENDING ON THE RESPONSES TO THIS SOURCES SOUGHT NOTICE/MARKET RESEARCH, THIS REQUIREMENT WILL BE SET-ASIDE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES OR PROCURED THROUGH FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION.** No feedback or evaluations will be provided to companies regarding their individual Capability Statement.

NOTE: THIS IS NOT A SOLICITATION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PROPOSALS AND NO CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED FROM THIS ANNOUNCEMENT. NO REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE MADE FOR ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AND/OR ANY FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION REQUESTS. NO TELEPHONE CALLS AND/OR REQUESTS FOR A SOLICITATION WILL BE ACCEPTED OR ACKNOWLEDGED. RESPONSES SHALL NOT EXCEED 15 PAGES AND STANDARD COMPANY BROCHURES ARE NOT DESIRED. INFORMATION SHALL FOCUS ON THE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SERVICES AS DEFINED IN THE SOW.

